QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Levy of Agricultural Income Tax in the State

65. SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA (Holehonnur).—Will the Minister for Finance and Tourism be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when was agricultural Income Tax came into force in Karnataka ;

(*b*) the revenue for the 1st 5 years (year-wise) ;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred to realise the revenue from this tax (for the last five years) ;

(*d*) the number of farmers assessed for the payment of Agricultural Income Tax, for the last 5 years ;

(*e*) whether there are any complaints that it has caused harassment to the farmers, if so, what action taken by the Government in that regard ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance and Tourism).—

(*a*) With effect from 1-4-1957.

(*b*) The revenue for the last five years is as follows :—

Year	*Revenue* (*Rs. in lakhs*)
1975-76	303.53
1976-77	430.38
1977-78	785.24
1978-79	1439.03
1979-80	1540.07 (Provisional

(*c*) The expenditure incurred during the last five years is as follows :—

Year	*Expenditure* (*Rs. in lakhs*)
1975-76	14.18
1976-77	29.21
1977-78	26.85
1978-79	29.73
1979-80	34.04

(*d*) The number of farmers assessed in the last five years is as follows :—

Year	*No. of farmers assessed*
1975-76	32,666
1976-77	28,375
1977-78	26,365
1978-79	34,106
1979-80	39,916

(*e*) Yes. The Karnataka Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 1980, which came into effect from 1-4-1980, was promulgated and dry land crops were excluded from the purview of Act so that there would be no harassment to farmers.

Bore wells for South Kanara District

268. SRI B. A. MOHIDEEN (Bhantwal).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayath Raj be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total No. of Bore wells sanctioned for South Kanara District so far ;

(*b*) of them, how many, have been dug by the Government and how many by the private agency on contract basis ;

(*c*) what is the expenditure incurred on each such Well on an average ;

(*d*) how many Bore wells are sanctioned ?

SRI B. RAMAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayath Raj).—

(*a*) 613 Bore wells (upto end of December 1980).

		No.
(*b*)	(i) No. of Bore wells dug by Government Rigs	168
	(ii) No. of Bore wells dug by Private agency	127

(*c*) Average expenditure on each Well is about Rs. 10,000.

(*d*) *Vide* reply to the question as (a).